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SUBJECT: CSCE TALKS AT GENEVA: SEPTEMBER 23-27

1. WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR TOUGH STANCE ON MILITARY SECURITY AND BASKET 3 ISSUES, THE SOVIETS WORKED ACTIVELY TO ADVANCE DRAFTING ON INTERSTATE PRINCIPLES AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS. CONTINUED SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT BASKET 3 AGREEMENTS BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS" HAS BLOCKED PROGRESS SINCE JULY. THE EC NINE, HOWEVER, ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THEIR POSITION ON REQUIRING A FIRST READING OF ALL BASKET 3 TEXTS MAY PROVE UNTENABLE AND ARE STARTING TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO RETREAT. MEMBERS OF THE NINE HAVE BEGUN TO SHOW INTEREST IN SWISS AND NORWEGIAN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A NEW COMPROMISE "PACKAGE DEAL" ON HUMAN CONTACTS. MEANWHILE, THE US IS QUIETLY ENCOURAGING THE COMPROMISE EFFORT AND THE FRENCH (SPEAKING FOR THE NINE) NOTED NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE BUT REQUESTED THE PROPOSAL BE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES -- AGENDA ITEM 1.

THE IMPASSE OVER DRAFTING OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE WAS
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BROKEN BY SUBCOMMITTEE AGREEMENT ON FORMULA MEETING SOVIET

NEED FOR REFERENCE TO UN COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. AGREED FORMULA, HOWEVER, POINTEDLY GIVES GREATER

SIGNIFICANCE TO UN CHARTER AND UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAN TO THE UN COVENANTS. WORK ON A ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE PRINCIPLE STALLED OVER FRG REFUSAL TO CONTINUE DRAFTING, PENDING DECISION ON PLACEMENT OF ROMANIAN LANGUAGE IN FINAL DOCUMENT. IN THE MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE, INFORMAL SESSIONS CONTINUED TO CONCENTRATE ON "OTHER ASPECTS" (NON-CBM) OF MILITARY SECURITY, WITH UK OFFERING OUTLINE OF GENERAL CONCEPTS OF COMPROMISE ON HEAVILY BRACKETED PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED TEXT. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF WORLD, EUROPEAN, AND MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY MATTERS WITHOUT AGREEING ON LANGUAGE, BUT APPARENTLY CONVINCED NEUTRALS THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE "RIGHT" OF CONSULTATION ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 2.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES REGISTERED A US PROPOSED TEXT ON ARBITRATION. FULL COMMITTEE CONCLUSIVELY DISCUSSED EASTERN PROPOSAL ON THE CARRYING OUT OF AGREED GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

4. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 3.

FREQUENT INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSIONS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND MARRIAGE BETWEEN NATIONALS OF DIFFERENT STATES FAILED TO OVERCOME REPEATED SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT AGREEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT UNDER "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS." THE INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUED DRAFTING ON ACCESS TO PRINTED INFORMATION, WITH THE WEST ATTEMPTING TO HOLD THE SOVIETS TO THEIR PRE-RECESS POSITION PERMITTING "ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC." THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEES MADE FURTHER PROGRESS ON NON-CONTENTIOUS SUBJECTS SUCH AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING.

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5. FOLLOW-UP.

WORKING GROUP MADE FORMAL DECISION TO BEGIN DRAFTING A GENERAL FOLLOW-UP RESOLUTION BUT HESITATED TO LAUNCH ACTUAL DRAFTING DUE TO MAJOR CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES. YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR LISTING ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN PREAMBLE MAY SERVE AS DEVICE FOR ORGANIZING DRAFTING. INGERSOLL

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